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1. The factory for production of viscose rayon in Rudnik [Theresienthal] east of Vrchlabi [5038N-1536E], in the Krkonose Mountains, was one of the oldest Czechoslovak plants engaged in this type of production. The plant was most probably subordinate to Ceske hedvabi (Czech Silk), in Lovosice [5031N-1404E]. [See CS-K-62837, as Ing. (fnu) Novak from the Lovosice plant used to go frequently to Rudnik on official trips. The equipment of the Rudnik plant as a whole was obsolete and therefore not satisfactory. After 1945, the plant had serious difficulties in getting a sufficient number of qualified workers. Ing. (fnu) Repnak was the plant manager.
2. Since 1951 the plant has been under reconstruction. All the production buildings were renovated and the plant was scheduled to be supplied with new machinery, especially with new washing machines and with about 50 new centrifugal spinning machines which would also perform the necessary yarn twisting. The old coning machines, which were in relatively good shape, were retained; [redacted] The spinning hall was equipped with a plastic ventilator system. 25X1
3. The plant was scheduled to produce solely viscose rayon yarn of about 1,200 denier for tire cords. Previously, viscose rayon yarn for textiles had been produced there. In the summer of 1952 the reconstruction was still going on, and the plant was not yet producing. One new centrifugal spinning machine, however, was in trial operation.

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4. The plant was in an oblong basin; enough clean and soft water was available, which is of great importance for viscose rayon production. A great disadvantage of the plant was its distance of about 13 km. from the nearest railroad, so that all material had to be transported on trucks to and from the plant. A road which formerly led through the plant area was moved a short distance.

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